



**U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE, ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCES DIV.
LAND ACQUISITION SECTION
EXPERIENCED ATTORNEY
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Land Acquisition Section within the U.S. Department of Justice, Environment & Natural Resources Division, seeks to hire an experienced Trial Attorney to be located in Washington, D.C. The Land Acquisition Section is primarily responsible for acquiring interests in land on behalf of federal agencies via condemnation proceedings filed in federal district courts throughout the country. Agency purposes for acquisition may range from establishment of national parks to providing office space for federal employees to conducting military training. The legal and factual issues involved in determining just compensation are frequently complex and include ascertainment of the market value of property through use of recognized professional appraisal standards. Land Acquisition Section attorneys seek to implement the protection of the Fifth Amendment in a way that is just both to property owners and taxpayers.

Applicants must possess a J.D. degree; be duly licensed and authorized to practice as an attorney under the laws of a State, territory, or the District of Columbia, and have at least two years of post-J.D. legal experience. Prior completion of a judicial clerkship at the federal trial court level, including the Court of Federal Claims, is desirable. Applicants must submit a current resume or OF-612 (Optional Application for Federal Employment) and writing sample to:

U.S. Department of Justice, ENRD
Land Acquisition Section
Attn: Andrew Goldfrank
P.O. Box 561
Ben Franklin Station
Washington, DC 20044-0561
(Attn: ENRD-05-023-EXC)

Applications sent via overnight delivery may be sent to:

U.S. Department of Justice, ENRD
Land Acquisition Section
Attn: Andrew Goldfrank
601 D St., NW, Room 3924
Washington, DC 20004
(Attn: ENRD-05-023-EXC)

No telephone calls please. **The position is open until filled; however, applicants are encouraged to respond on or before February 28, 2005.** Current salary and years of experience will determine the appropriate salary level in the GS-13 (\$74,782 - \$97,213) to GS-15 (\$103,947 - \$135,136) per annum.

For more information about the Environment & Natural Resources Division, visit the Justice Department's web site at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd>.

This and selected other legal position announcements can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvacancies.html>.

The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. Except where otherwise provided by law, there will be no discrimination based on color, race, religion, national origin, politics, marital status, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, status as a parent, membership or nonmembership in an employee organization, or personal favoritism. The Department of Justice welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities. The Department is firmly committed to satisfying its affirmative obligations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to ensure that persons with disabilities have every opportunity to be hired and advanced on the basis of merit within the Department of Justice. This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment. Employment is also contingent upon the completion and satisfactory adjudication of a background investigation. Only U.S. citizens are eligible for employment with the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the United States Attorneys' Offices. Unless otherwise indicated in a particular job advertisement, non-U.S. citizens may apply for employment with other organizations, but should be advised that appointments of non-U.S. citizens are extremely rare; such appointments would be possible only if necessary to accomplish the Department's mission and would be subject to strict security requirements. Applicants who hold dual citizenship in the U.S. and another country will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of Justice considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. Applicants eligible for veterans' preference are encouraged to include that information in their cover letter or resume and attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214 or other substantiating documents) to their submissions.